

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2108
ANSWERED ON:16.12.2003
FERTILIZERS AND CHEMICALS TRAVANCORE LIMITED
N.N. KRISHNADAS

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any request has been sent by the Government of Kerala to hand over the management of Fertilizers and Chemicals Travancore Limited (FACT) to State Co-operative sector by involving Indian Farmers and Fertilizer Co-operative Limited (IFFCO);
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the response of the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

The Minister of State in the Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers (DR. CHHATTRA PAL SINGH)

(a) & (b) The Chief Minister of Kerala had requested vide letter dated 24.8.2003 to defer due diligence exercise under dis-investment process for at least 3 months so that a consolidated viable proposal for sustaining FACT in cooperative sector might be submitted for consideration of Government of India.

(c) : The Government of India has not so far received any concrete proposal from the State Government for handing over the management of FACT to co-operative sector by involving Indian Farmers and Fertilizer Co-operative Limited.